

JAMAICA

Region: Americas

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Jamaica has reported the *Population and Housing Census* as one metadata source, which collects information on international labour migration statistics. The *Population and Housing Census* is carried out by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica.

Geographically the census covers whole country, and various population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The *Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2011. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristics covered by the census are country of birth and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. The census asks information about household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad and questions on immigrants and return migrants. Labour related characteristics that can be found in the census include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, and disability.

Definition of “*employment*” is applied in the census. To classify occupation and industry internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the census.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

Metadata sources:

Type of source	Name of the source	Agency Responsible	Periodicity of data collection	Year the source started	Year of the last source
Q1. Population Census	Population and Housing Census	Statistical Institute of Jamaica	-	-	2011

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was processed in 2011 by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, covering the whole country. There are three population groups examined in the source such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics are country of birth and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

The census contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as "Have you ever lived outside the country?" and "when did you arrive in this country?" In addition to the characteristics, the Census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad as of 1st Jan. 2014, such as sex and age at time of leaving household.

The *Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 14 years and over, such as:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Hours usually worked, and
- Disability.

"*Employment*" refers to all persons who worked for at least one hour, during the reference period. Persons who had a job but were temporarily absent due to illness, vacation leave, strike or lockout or lay-off of not more than 30 days duration, were classified as "worked". To classify occupation and industry, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied:

- National adaptation of ISCO (Jamaica Standard Occupation Classification 2008) (where one digit is used to release the data); and
- ISIC rev 3 (where one digit is used to release the data).

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: 2011 Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2011

Agency responsible: Statistical Institute of Jamaica

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country

TOPIC COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (As of 1 January 2010)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age or work status:** No
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** Yes (Cut-off years: One year)
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Sex, age at time of leaving household

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability

- **Age coverage:** 14 years old and over

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Yes (Questions like "Have you ever lived outside the country?" and "when did you arrive in this country?")

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- **Number and name of question not published:** 5.10. What is your weekly, monthly or annual income from all employment?
- **Reason not published:** Low data quality

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: The definition of employed is all persons who worked for at least one hour, during the reference period. Persons who had a job but were temporarily absent due to illness, vacation leave, strike or lockout or lay-off of not more than 30 days duration, were classified as "worked"

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO (Jamaica Standard Occupation Classification 2008)

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 1

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI)

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: Yes

- **Under-coverage rate of total population:** 15%

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (Population and Housing Census 2011 Jamaica, General Report, Volume 1. 2012.), electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: N.A.